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REMARKS

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1. The following loadings were observed at Dallgow-Doberitz railroad station:

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On the morning of 7 April: JS-3 tanks 3 T-34 tanks

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JSU-122s 2 rocket launchers, presumably of 132 mm,

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 20 sidecar motorcycles, 5 trucks, 2 jeeps, 2 workshop trucks,

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 1 field kitchen and troops wearing red-bordered black

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epauletts, some with tank insignia, on 4 boxcars. The train was dispatched prior

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to 1:30 p.m. Fresh imprints of tank tracks led to the station from the direction

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of Rohrbeck.

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On the morning of 8 April: 2 pontoons on three-axle trucks, 1 boat, about 5 meters

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 long, on a three-axle truck, 6 trucks, some of them loaded with boards and beams

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 1 field kitchen and troops wearing black-bordered black

epauletts on 4 boxcars. The loading terminated at 11 a.m. Source believed the troops

to have come from the Loewen Kaserne (2063). ¹

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2. At about 8:30 a.m. on 5 April, a troop train with about 50 trucks, an artillery unit and 1 radio truck stood at Wolmirstedt railroad station. The train was no longer there after 11 a.m. Source could not determine whether the unit had been detained or entrained.

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3. At about 8 p.m. on 28 March, 50 trucks with covered numbers and occupied by troops and equipment, 30 T-34/85 tanks and 20 armored personnel carriers left the Kavallerie Schule Krampnitz (2161) toward Marquardt. On 2 April, T-34/85 tanks arrived in Krampnitz from the direction of Satzkeorn. Between 4 and 7 p.m. on 4 April, T-34/85 tanks 15 armored personnel carriers including 10 armored half-track vehicles and 20 to 30 trucks arrived in Krampnitz from the direction of Marquardt. ²

4. At 8 a.m. on 30 March, a column of about 10 trucks including 8 towing a 37-mm gun and radio truck passed through Wuensdorf. Trucks were identified. ³

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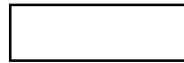
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5. At 2 p.m. on 31 March, a troop train of an undetermined number of flatcars with about 28 trucks, 12 x 37-mm AA guns, 1 sedan, 1 jeep, and 2 field kitchens, and 12 boxcars with troops passed through Beelitz toward Wildpark. At 8:30 a.m. on 6 April, a troop train with 16 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] 4 trucks and 1 field kitchen passed through Wildpark from the direction of Potsdam and proceeded toward Seddin. Between 6 a.m. and 11 a.m. on 4 April, several columns passed through Beelitz from the direction of Treuenbrietzen and proceeded toward Potsdam. The columns included a total of about 400 trucks including about 50 towing 57-mm AT guns, about 22 field kitchens, about 50 tank trucks, about 15 ambulances, about 10 jeeps and about 2,500 to 3,000 troops. [redacted]
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6. During the night of 28 March, the mortar unit, which left the Wald Kasernes (5441, 5442) in Rathenow by road during the night of 24 March, returned to the barracks installations. The artillery unit which had left during the night of 26 March and in the morning of the following day returned during the night of 29 March. Mortars of 120 and 160 mm and 76.2-mm field guns were identified.
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7. The following columns crossed the Strassentruecke Nord, also called Wilhelm Pieck Bridge, in Magdeburg:
- 25X1 At about 6 p.m. on 30 March: 5 trucks [redacted] with tree trunks, heading east.
- 25X1 At 5:45 a.m. on 31 March: a column whose rear was brought up by 4 trucks and 2 x 85-mm AT guns, heading west.
- 25X1 At 5 p.m. on 3 April: 40 trucks [redacted] most of them loaded with tree trunks, heading east.
- 25X1 Between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. on 4 April: about 65 trucks, including about 20 occupied by troops, heading west. Up to noon, all trucks returned, loaded with tree trunks.
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8. At about 4 p.m. on 4 April, 28 trucks with pontoons were seen on the eastern bank of the Elbe River, northeast of Wilhelm Pieck Bruecke.
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9. The following materiel was detained at Eberswalde freight station:
- 25X1 At 1 a.m. on 30 March: 10 JS tanks [redacted]
- 25X1 [redacted] T-34 tank [redacted] and 2 JSU-249s [redacted]
- 25X1 At 2 a.m. on 30 March: T-34 tanks [redacted] 10 JS-3 tanks [redacted]
- 25X1 [redacted] JS-3 tank [redacted] The troops left toward the Artillerie Kaserne. 7
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1. Comment. On 7 April, mixed tank units of the 1st Mech Div were loaded and, [redacted] shipped to Neustrelitz on train [redacted] presumably for combat firing in the Lychen - Rutenberg area. The train observed on 8 April is believed to have carried units of the 18th (?) Engr Bn of the division which, according to the reference report, transferred to Neuruppin on train [redacted] It is possible that water exercises were to be conducted at the Rhin River.
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2. Comment. Several reports have been obtained on the departure for, and return from, exercises in the Barnuth-Justerbog-Treuenbrietzen area of units of the 16th Gds Tank Div. [redacted] According to paragraph 5 in the present report, major elements of the division returned to the post by road.
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3. Comment. Units of the 2d Gds AAA Div which, possibly, arrived in Rabagen by train [redacted] from Neubukow.
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4. Comment. Possibly, one of trains [redacted] which, according to official records, went from Justerbog to Prenzlau, Fuerstenwalde, Templin and Oranienburg on 1 April.
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Comment.

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25X1 went from Gardelegen to Rathenow on 28 March. The trains carried units which re-
 25X1 turned from exercises of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div in the area of Tangerhütte and
 25X1 the north sector of Letzling Heath and whose detraining in Rathenow was previously
 25X1 reported. According to the present and other reports, the exercises involved ele-
 25X1 ments of the 65th Mort Brig (US) and 18th How Arty Brig.

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Comment.

25X1 It is believed that units of the 36th Pan Bridge Regt of the CCPC
 25X1 practiced at the eastern bank of the Elbe River.

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Comment.

25X1 Return of units of the 82d Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt of the 6th Gds Mech
 25X1 Div from exercises of the division. the two trains
 came from Friesack and/or Paulinenaue.

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